

Appln. No. 10/007,990
Amendment dated Jul. 25, 2005
Regarding Office Action dated May 23, 2005
Docket No. DE9-2000-0040 (269)

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

These remarks are offered in response to the final Office Action of May 23, 2005 (Office Action). As this response is timely filed within the 3-month shortened statutory period, no fee is believed due.

The Examiner has rejected claims 1, 14, 29, 31, and 32 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(a) as being anticipated by "Polyphone Decision Tree Specialization for Language Adaptation" by Schultz, *et al.* (Schultz). Claims 15 and 18 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Schultz.

Claims 2-13, 16-27, and 30 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but were indicated as allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Applicants have amended claims 2 and 16 to write them in an independent form, incorporating all the limitations from original claims 1 and 15. Additionally, Applicants have altered claims 2 and 16 to correct the minor informalities, to which objections had been asserted. Claims 2 and 16 should now be in an allowable condition.

Applicants have amended claims 1 and 15 to incorporate limitations previously contained in dependent claims 3 and 17. Claims 3 and 17 have been canceled. Because claims 3 and 17 were indicated as having allowable subject matter, claims 1, 4-14, 15, and 18-28 should now be in an allowable condition.

Applicants have amended claim 29 to include the limitations previously contained within claim 30. Claim 30 was then canceled. Because claim 29 was indicated as having allowable subject matter, claims 29, 31-32 should now be in an allowable condition.

The above amendments were made to expedite prosecution and to accept claimed subject matter that was indicated as being allowable. The amendments made are not to be construed in a negative fashion against the claims as originally presented.

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The Applicants believe that this application is now in full condition for allowance, which action is respectfully requested. The Applicants request that the Examiner call the undersigned (direct line 954 759-8937) if clarification is needed on any matter within this Amendment, or if the Examiner believes a telephone interview would expedite the prosecution of the subject application to completion.

Respectfully submitted,

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